



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

REP. GARY HOWELL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 4, 2021

10:30 AM

Room 307, House Office Building

The House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Chair Howell.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Marino, Eisen, Wakeman, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative LaFave moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 25, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the Committee a presentation by Jason Geer, President and CEO of Michigan Oil and Gas. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 4123 before the committee:

HB 4123 (Rep. Griffin)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 5301, 5403, and 5405 (MCL 324.5301, 324.5403, and 324.5405), section 5301 as amended by 2012 PA 560 and sections 5403 and 5405 as added by 1997 PA 26.

Representative LaFave moved to report out HB 4123 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Marino, Eisen, Wakeman, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4050 before the committee:

HB 4050 (Rep. Cherry)

A bill to amend 1976 PA 442, entitled "Freedom of information act," by amending section 13 (MCL 15.243), as amended by 2018 PA 68.

Representative Cherry testified in support of HB 4050.

Ian FitzGerald, representing Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of HB 4050.

Craig Brunet, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of HB 4050. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Cherry returned to answer questions.

Representative Sowerby moved to report out HB 4050 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Marino, Eisen, Wakeman, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4363 before the committee:

HB 4363 (Rep. Howell)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 2104, 2132, and 2165 (MCL 324.2104, 324.2132, and 324.2165), sections 2104 and 2132 as amended by 2018 PA 238 and section 2165 as added by 2018 PA 240.

Representative Markkanen moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4363. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Marino, Eisen, Wakeman, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

At 11:15 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 11:15 AM, Majority Vice Chair Markkanen called the committee back to order.

Representative Howell testified in support of HB 4363.

Craig Brunet, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of HB 4363.

At 11:19 AM, Majority Vice Chair Markkanen laid the committee at ease.

At 11:19 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Amy Trotter, representing Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of HB 4363.

Representative Wakeman moved to report out HB 4363 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Markkanen, LaFave, Marino, Eisen, Wakeman, Sowerby, Cambensy, Aiyash.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid before the Committee a presentation by Darby Stacey from Eagle Mine. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Howell adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM.

Representative Gary Howell, Chair

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